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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: -
SUBJECT: ACCRA PRESS FACILITIES

TO DAWSON (IAA) FROM FENHAGEN

1. USIS ACCRA HAS DEFINITE LIMITATIONS IN TERMS OF TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IT CAN PROVIDE VISITING NEWSMEN, AND IT APPEARS THERE IS LITTLE THAN CAN BE DONE TO ENHANCE THIS CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, POST IS DOING EVERTYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO INSURE THAT WHAT IS AVAILABLE WILL BE OPERATIONAL. POST WILL SUBMIT FURTHER DETAILS BY SEPTEL.

2. ONLY ONE TELEX LINE AND OPERATOR WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO JOURNALISTS AND
THAT IS LOCATED 10 MINUTES DRIVE FROM CONTINENTAL HOTEL WHERE JOURNALISTS WILL BE HOUSED. NO POSSIBILITY MOVING THIS LINE TO HOTEL.
INTERNATIONAL TELEX CREDIT CARD
NOT RECOGNIZED ACCRA BUT EFFORTS BEING
MADE PERSUADE HOTEL TO INCLUDE CHARGES ON HOTEL BILLS WHICH CAN BE SETTLED BY EITHER DINERS OR AMEX.
OTHERWISE, TELEX CHARGES MUST BE PAID IN CASH. ONLY ADDITIONAL
TELEX LINE BEING HELD FOR OFFICIAL PARTY. POST, OF COURSE, PROVIDING
TRANSPORT AT ANY HOUR FOR JOURNALIST WISHING
TO USE ONE LINE AVAILABLE
TO THEM.
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3. TELEPHONE SITUATION NOT MUCH BETTER.
THERE APPEARS NOW TO BE POSSIBILITY
THAT TWO DIRECT OPEN LINES TO LONDON CAN BE INSTALLED IN CONTINENTAL
PRESS ROOM AT COST $1250 EACH WHICH WILL BE
OPERATIVE FROM 9 P.M. UNTIL
2 A.M. ON ASSUMPTION DEPARTMENT PREPARED
SUPPORT THIS MINIMAL FACILITY,
I HAVE URGED POST TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS POSSIBILITY. PAO AND DCM
CONCUR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT OPEN LINE DOES NOT RPT NOT
INSURE VOICE QUALITY WHICH IS VARIABLE.

4. AP COMMERCIAL WIRE FULL TIME AND
REUTERS PART TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
PRESS ROOM. NO MAJOR PROBLEM IN SUPPLYING
MULTIPLE COPIES WIRE SERVICES
AND WIRELESS FILE AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

5. ACCRA, AS WELL AS OTHER POSTS VISITED,
WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION
PLANS OF COMMERCIAL NETWORKS IN TERMS OF OBTAINING ACCREDITATION FOR
CAMERA CREWS AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR EQUIPMENT, ASSUMING LATTER ARE
TRAVELLING SEPARATELY FROM OFFICIAL PARTY.

6. OTHERWISE, SITUATION ACCRA APPEARS UNDER CONTROL. WITH PRESENCE
BPAO KUMASI AND WIFE, NO ADDITIONAL TDY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

7. CONTENTS NAIROBI 3805 NOTED.
ASSUME AGENCY WILL ACT ON PARAS 2 & 3

8. HAVE JUST ARRIVED MONROVIA AND WILL
REPORT TOMORROW ON LOCAL SITUATION.
REGARDS.
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